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Title: BILLET FOR COLD FORGING, METHOD OF MANUFACTURING
BILLET FOR COLD FORGING, METHOD OF CONTINUOUSLY COLD
FORGING BILLET, METHOD OF COLD FORGING CRANKSHAFT,
METHOD OF COLD FORGING DISK SHAPED PART WITH SHAFT,
AND COLD FORGING DIE APPARATUS

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Dear Sir:

This communication is in support of a Request for Continuing Examination of the above referenced patent application.

AMENDMENT

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1 and 2 to read as follows:

1. (TWICE AMENDED) A billet of steel for continuous cold forging, characterized by 0.46 - 0.48 wt % of C (carbon), 0.14 or less of Si (silicon), 0.55 - 0.65 wt % of Mn (manganese), 0.015 wt % or less of P (phosphorus), 0.015 wt % or less of S (sulfur), 0.15 wt % or less of Cu

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